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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Anti-Terrorism Bill, S. 2236

1. The undersigned spoke this morning with Mr. Stan Taylor, of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) staff, in order to discuss recent developments regarding the Committee's handling of S. 2236, anti-terrorism legislation.

2. According to Mr. Taylor, Senator Adlai Stevenson (D., Ill.) (the principal Committee member on this bill) met with various Committee staffers and decided to pursue the following course of action regarding modifications to the bill:

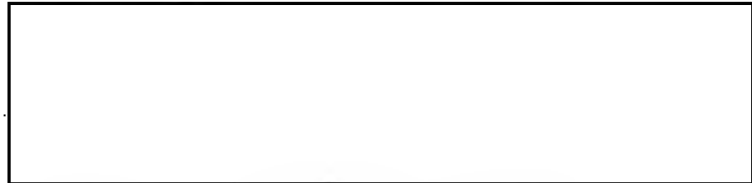
a. REPORT DISSEMINATION: Senator Stevenson et al has accepted our argument (presented at the hearing on 25 July 1978) and will attempt to amend the bill so that the required classified reports are forwarded to the SSCI and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence instead of the current requirement that such reports be presented to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

b. FREQUENCY OF REPORTS: Senator Stevenson has agreed that the various reporting requirements are at too frequent intervals and that therefore the bill should (will) be amended to require annual rather than biannual reports. On a related issue, and also per CIA urging, Senator Stevenson will push for the "incident reporting requirement," as it relates to U.S. persons, be increased from the current 30-day time span from incident occurrence to report delivery to a more reasonable 90-days.

c. U.S. CAPABILITIES REPORT: The emphasis in this area will be to require such a report only once every four years.

d. TAGGANTS EXEMPTION PROCEDURE: The Senator has also agreed to amend the bill so that the DCI will have the authority to designate explosives and related materials for exemption from the bill's tagging procedures. The Committee will presumably utilize our suggested amendatory language in this regard.

3. Committee staff does not anticipate Senator Stevenson encountering opposition within the Committee to the foregoing alterations. CIA would be able, with the inclusion of the above cited charges, to support the bill.



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